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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator

SUBJECT : Preparations for Future Briefings

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1. Mr. Carlucci will do the 28 March Presidential briefing covering -

-Soviet Succession  of ORPA will take the lead here)

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-Rhodesia

-Nonaligned Movement (a short 2-3 minute briefing)

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2. Mr. Bowie is preparing a briefing  for 4 April that could run anywhere from 10-20 minutes depending on how deeply one explores the issues. He is not absolutely confident that the briefing is good enough, but will decide early next week. Assuming he handles half the briefing  or something else), the question is what should you cover. Please indicate which topics we should pursue while you are away.

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A. Sary Shagan: You did not get to this on 21 March. If you want to use it we will rework some of the graphics to improve them. *Yes*

*Yes*  
B. USSR-PRC-Vietnam: You expressed interest in this topic in your Wednesday, "World Overview," notes. Attached is some backup material to assist your thinking about this. I believe we could develop a reasonable speculative briefing by 4 April.

*Yes*  
C. PLO Decisionmaking. NIO/NESA believes that at some point we need to apprise the President of how the Palestinians tick. Based on the material in this folder and  knowledge I think we can pull together a good presentation by 4 April.

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D. Warsaw Pact Forces Opposite NATO. A copy of Volume I of NIE 11-14-79 is attached for reference. The last time you talked to the President about broad military matters was last summer. One might approach this in the spirit of, "We don't think you'll face the problem of war in Europe, but nonetheless it's important that I keep you posted on the forces that could be brought to bear."

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*OK. But main emphasis on tanks - see Cong Brief*

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E. European Views of US Foreign Policy: Some backup reading is attached. I'm not optimistic that we could pull a good briefing together by 4 April, but we could try recognizing that it might have to slip.

F. Latin American Trends: Like the preceding topic I'm not sure we can pull this together by 4 April.  

*not much in  
able we can use*  
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3. With respect to briefing the Vice President before his Scandinavian trip, NIO/WE believes that a briefing would not be useful because we have already responded generously with written material. A copy is attached for your perusal.  

4. With respect to   Rae Huffstutler seems to be the best guy to replace   as   contact point. He knows   and is willing to serve although we both are unclear as to what sort of formal relationship should be established. Unless you direct otherwise we will proceed as follows:

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- I'll introduce Rae to Gerry Dinneen (for whom I used to work)
  - Rae will ask him if he's interested in pursuing a joint investigation of the vulnerabilities of some Soviet command and control systems.
  - Depending on his answer we'll make a proposal on how to proceed including   role if any.

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Attachments

cc: DD/NFA

*Would be pleased to try - but  
doubt that we have much  
evidence to support views like  
Schlenger's (with which I generally agree)*